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## **Allegheny & Monongahela River Seasonal Lock Schedule**

PITTSBURGH, PENNSYLVANIA – With summer approaching, recreational boaters will once again be enjoying Pittsburgh's Three Rivers along with the navigation industry. With that in mind, the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers will be changing the hours of operation of locks on the Allegheny and Monongahela Rivers with seasonal schedules beginning in early April and May.

On the Allegheny River, Lock 5 (Freeport, Pa.), Lock 6 (Clinton, Pa.), Lock 7 (Kittanning, Pa.) and Lock 8 (Mosgrove, Pa.), will be open Saturdays, Sundays and holidays from 12:30 p.m. to 8:10 p.m. beginning May 5. Due to operational failure, Lock 9 near Rimer, Pa. will be closed to navigation traffic until further notice.

On the Monongahela River, Morgantown Lock in Morgantown, W. Va. will be open 7:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. daily beginning on April 1. Beginning May 27 the Saturday, Sunday and holiday hours for Morgantown Lock will change to 10:30 a.m. to 6:20 p.m. Hildebrand and Opekiska Locks, near Hildebrand, W. Va. and Opekiska, W. Va., respectively, will be open Saturdays and Sundays from 7:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. beginning on April 1. Beginning on May 27 the Hildebrand and Opekiska Locks will be opened from 10:30 a.m. to 6:20 p.m. on Saturdays, Sundays and holidays.

Lock 2, C.W. Bill Young Lock and Lock 4 on the Allegheny River along with Braddock, Locks 3 and 4, Maxwell, Grays Landing and Point Marion Locks on the Monongahela and all locks on the Ohio River will continue to operate 24-hours-a-day year around.

River navigators are cautioned that warning signs and pillar buoys will not be set until mid-May due to high river flows. Since the navigation aids may, at times during the year, move off-station because of river conditions, boaters must always approach all locks with extreme care. Everyone is urged to consult their navigation charts to be absolutely sure of the landmarks when approaching a lock and dam.

Boaters, fishermen, divers and others venturing below the dams are reminded not to enter the restricted areas as designated by the signs and "Keep Out" buoys. Backwash and turbulence from the dam may draw a boat into the dam causing it to capsize.

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